

SITE PLAN

For The Template Safe Harbor Agreement for the Columbia Basin Pygmy Rabbit (*Brachylagus idahoensis*)

I. Introduction

This Site Plan for the Template Safe Harbor Agreement for the Columbia Basin Pygmy Rabbit (Agreement) is between *{insert name}* (Participant) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service). This Site Plan, combined with the measures prescribed by the Agreement, may serve as the basis for the Service to issue a Federal enhancement of survival permit (Permit) to the above named Participant pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The Agreement is between the Service, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), and, through their respective Site Plans, Participants. The joint and respective responsibilities of the Service and WDFW are detailed in the Agreement. The terms of the Agreement are hereby incorporated by reference.

This Site Plan documents site-specific information detailing the Participant's enrolled property, including the location and management authority of the property, its baseline conditions, existing and, as available, proposed future land-use activities, and the duration of this Site Plan and requested Permit. This Site Plan also documents the agreed-upon conservation measures to be undertaken by the Participant on the enrolled property that are expected to benefit the Columbia Basin pygmy rabbit. Additional responsibilities of the Participant that address future, routine management of this Site Plan and the associated Permit (e.g., modification, renewal, transfer, termination) may be found in the Agreement and Permit. These additional responsibilities apply to all Participants enrolled under the Agreement, and are hereby incorporated by reference.

II. Enrolled Property

(Identify the property to be enrolled under the Agreement by providing a legal description and map of property boundaries, listing total acreage, and documenting ownership, management, and lease authorities.)

III. Description of Baseline Conditions

(Describe the baseline conditions of the property to be enrolled {as identified in section 8.1 of the Agreement}. Describe the survey(s) undertaken [such as timing, responsible party(ies), intensity] to assess the baseline conditions. As applicable, include a map showing the locations of various habitat types, areas occupied by Columbia Basin pygmy

rabbits, and/or other pertinent information [such as roadways, crop fields, structures, etc.].)

IV. Conservation Measures and Responsibilities of the Participant

(Identify the site-specific conservation measures that will be implemented on the enrolled property and document the associated responsibilities of the Participant [such as actions to be undertaken, timing, monitoring] for implementing the site-specific conservation measures.) {Based on the goals and objectives identified in the Agreement, at a minimum Participants will need to implement the conservation measures and undertake the associated responsibilities for “intervening properties” or “recovery emphasis areas” as identified in section 7.3.1 and 7.3.2 of the Agreement, respectively.}

V. Site Plan Duration

(Identify the term of this Site Plan and requested Permit). {The term can not exceed the 20-year duration of the Agreement (i.e., 2026).}

VI. Management Activities

(List and describe the Participant’s ongoing and, as available, planned future management activities [such as those associated with ranching, farming, recreation, residential upkeep, conservation programs for the covered species, and direct management of shrub steppe habitat, including maintenance, enhancement, restoration, and conversion] to be covered by this Site Plan and the associated Permit.)

VII. Reporting and Notification

(Identify the obligations of the Participant with respect to reporting and notification requirements associated with this Site Plan.) {Minimal reporting and notification obligations are expected of Participants to the Agreement. However, specific obligations of Participants will include items 4 and 5 under section 7.3.1, items 5 and 6 under section 7.3.2, and those identified under section 12 of the Agreement, as applicable.}

Reports and notifications required by this Site Plan shall be delivered to the appropriate party, as follows:

{Insert Participant’s address, phone number, and/or other contact information.}

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VIII. Regulatory Assurances

Upon signing this Site Plan and issuance of the associated Permit, the Service provides the Participant with the following regulatory assurances (codified at 50 CFR §17.22 and §17.32, as applicable):

The Service and Participant may agree to revise or modify the conservation measures set forth in this Site Plan if the Service determines that such revisions or modifications do not change the Service's prior determination that the measures are reasonably expected to provide a net conservation benefit to the covered species. However, the Service may not require additional or different conservation measures to be undertaken by the Participant without their consent.

XI. Authorizing Signatures

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Participant and Service have caused this Site Plan to be executed on the day and year set forth following their signatures. This Site Plan will be effective and binding on the date of Permit issuance.

Participant

Date

Manager
Washington Fish and Wildlife Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Lacey, Washington

Date